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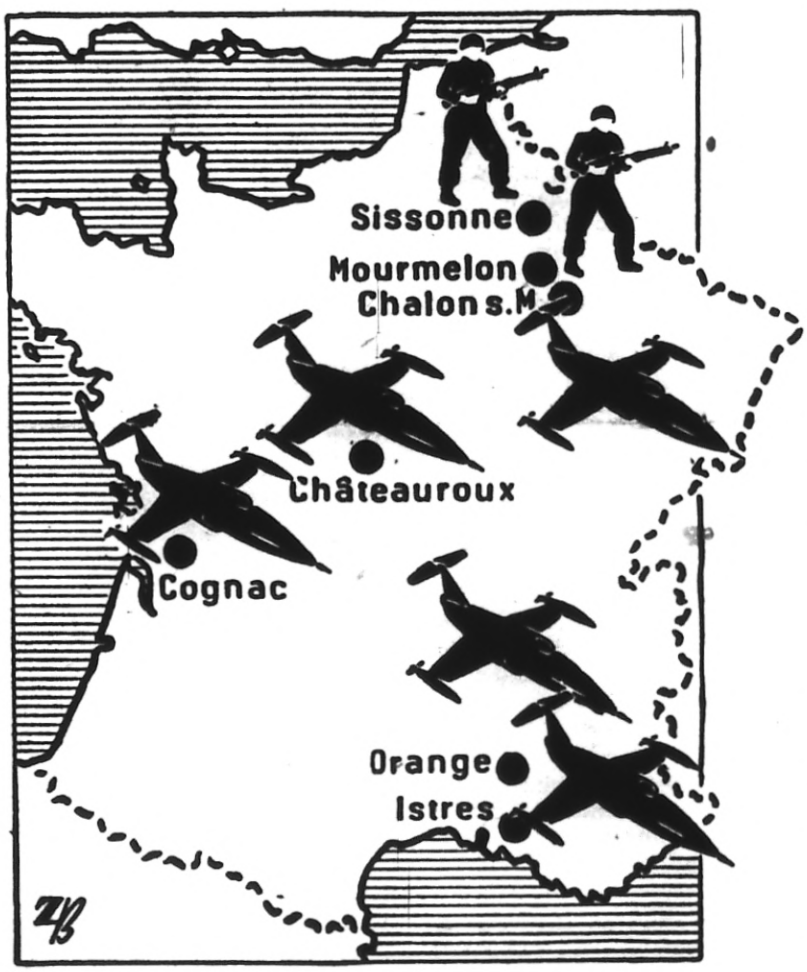
BONN'S "SEA-LION"

Wehrmacht Troops for Britain

In 1940, Hitler planned "Operation Sea-Lion" for the invasion of Britain. In 1960, Adenauer is planning to get his troops, under the same nazi officers, into Britain at the invitation of the British Government.

The map on this page shows the bases already occupied by the West German forces in France. In a few months it may be necessary to print a similar map showing the Wehrmacht bases in Britain, including rocket-bases.

For some months, West German Defence Minister Franz-Josef Strauss has been pressing for "training bases" for his soldiers in Britain, claiming that there is not room to train the troops efficiently in West Germany. Reports from London at the end of November indicated that the British Government had given in to his pressure, and that a formal invitation to send West German troops would be extended at the NATO Council meeting in Paris in mid-December. For a start, West German Panzer troops are likely to be stationed at Bovington in Dorset, and rocket troops in the Hebrides.



Well-informed quarters in Bonn stated that the West German Government, having won British acceptance of the principle of granting bases to the nazi-led troops, was now holding out for further British concessions. These would take the form of "fully equal rights" for West German forces in Britain. Under the agreements governing the rights of British occupation forces in West Germany, these troops are entitled to act against the civilian population in cases of "subversion" or "internal aggression", and Bonn is demanding equal rights to take military measures against British civilians.

The "Bonn Contractual Agreement", signed on May 26th 1952 contained clauses such as the following: "Independently of a state of emergency, any military commander may, if his forces are imminently menaced, take such immediate action appropriate for their protection (including the use of armed force) as is requisite to remove the danger." The West German authorities are pressing for similar clauses in the agreement to be concluded on the stationing of Wehrmacht troops in Britain. Observers pointed out that such a clause would give the West German troops the power to go into action against British

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demonstrators protesting their presence in Britain.

The first stage of the Bonn plan to station troops in as many NATO countries as possible went into operation in the past few weeks, when several thousand West German soldiers marched into eastern France, and units of the Luftwaffe took over facilities in French air bases. The agreement between the West German and French Governments contains special clauses which would enable the West German troops to intervene in internal French affairs.

Commenting on this dangerous new development, the Paris newspaper "Liberation" stated on November 10th: "This means that these West German forces could be used if France wished to withdraw its head from the noose, and to oppose a dangerous turn in foreign policy developments."

"If the disaster of a civil war should come upon us, there can be no doubt that the German troops would be used on the side of the French fascists, in order 'to restore order'. It is not unlikely that the German troops might wish to neutralise the French army by occupying the lines of communication and crippling vital strategic points."

The Paris newspaper pointed out that the presence of these West German troops also meant that France would inevitably be dragged into any attempt on the part of Bonn to reconquer the "lost German territories" in eastern Europe.

"The German Federal Republic dreams of changing its eastern borders and winning back these areas", the newspaper stated. "But it would be impossible for the Bundeswehr to plunge into a 'limited war' in the east without having guaranteed its hinterland in the west. The West German generals could not risk this adventure if France refused its cooperation, and blocked the supply routes from the French Atlantic coast. Now that the Bundeswehr is stationed in France, they can eliminate this danger. France would be an accomplice, to be dragged into everything whether she wants to or not."

On November 11th "Liberation" answered critics who stated that one must "forget the past", and work for reconciliation with the Germans.

"The officers who command the West German troops stationed in France were trained in Hitler's army, and the decorations which they wear on their uniforms today were awarded them for their part in attacking our country and the countries of our allies. These are not the men with whom one celebrates the reconciliation of the French and German peoples. We cannot produce the right conditions for peaceful coexistence by 'forgetting the past'. The only way to prevent the whole thing starting again is not to forget.

"We shall not get anywhere by re-arming West Germany, restoring the power of the Ruhr barons and the generals of Hitler's Reich.

"European reconciliation demands that German rearmament should be brought to an end. There are dozens of plans -- the Eden Plan, the Kennan Plan, the Rapacki Plan, and others -- for a 'zone of peace' in central Europe. Some such plan provides the only basis for peaceful cooperation on the basis of security."

Footnote: All senior officers of the Bonn armed forces served Hitler, but Colonel Gerhard Schirmer, commander of the West German parachutists stationed at Mourmelon in France, is a convicted war criminal. As a nazi parachutist he participated in the attacks on Holland, Norway and Greece, and later commanded a regiment on the eastern front. After the war he was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for war crimes by a Soviet court. He was amnestied in 1955, and immediately comissioned in the new West German Wehrmacht.

West Germany Drops Curtain

Bonn Fears Sub-teen "Agents"

The West German Government announced on November 17th that it was going to introduce new legislation to prevent free travel between the two halves of Germany.

New passport laws will be rushed through parliament "to prevent Communist agents from undermining free and democratic West Germany", Minister of the Interior Gerhard Schroeder announced. Herr Schroeder, himself a former member of Hitler's storm troops, stated explicitly that the new rules would prevent West German children from spending their holidays in the German Democratic Republic. About 20,000 such "Communist agents", aged under 14, visited holiday camps in the GDR in the past summer.

West German trade unionists would also be prevented from visiting the GDR, Herr Schroeder said. Tens of thousands of unionists have visited socialised factories in the GDR and attended labour conferences there in the past few years.

GDR citizens wishing to visit relatives and friends in West Germany will, under the new legislation, be grilled at the frontier on the reasons for their trip.

Commenting on the Bonn announcement, "Neues Deutschland", official newspaper of the Socialist Unity Party, stated on November 18th:

"Adenauer's Government, having divided Germany, now wants to cement the division, and prevent all contacts between the two halves of the country.

"One of the reasons for Bonn's step is that the anti-communist propaganda is no longer successful. The people of West Germany are ceasing to fall for the propaganda line that the GDR is the next thing to hell; instead, more and more people are coming to realise that the GDR is a living proof that things go better without atomic weapons, without conscription, and without nazis.

"Every week West German workers and trade union officials visit the GDR to see the new Germany, and those who are still frightened to make the journey hear the truth from visitors from the GDR. This development really does undermine the basis of the West German state.

"We in the GDR do not fear contacts: we are in favour of peaceful competition. We hold open the gates, and anyone who comes with peaceful intentions can visit us. We say to them: Come and see what German workers and peasants who rule themselves have created."

US NAZIS SEEK GERMAN RECRUITS

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My Dear Friend!

The Commander and I received your letter of Sep.9 with great Joy. Here is another fine example that the flaming spirit of Adolf Hitler and his faithful followers still flaming even, when the Führer is dead. Hereby I enclose a bunch of our litterature, some

A group calling itself the American Nazi Party, and operating openly from an address in Arlington, Virginia, a suburb of the American capital of Washington, is seeking to recruit West Berliners to its ranks.

Recently a West Berliner, reading press reports about this fascist group, wrote to the American headquarters asking for more details.

In reply, he received a letter, the heading of which is reproduced above, together with a liberal supply of literature decorated with swastikas and pictures of Adolf Hitler.

Here is the full text of the semi-literate letter:

The Commander and I received your letter of Sep. 9 with great Joy. Here is another fine example that the flaming spirit of Adolf Hitler and his faithful followers still flaming even, when the Führer is dead. Hereby I enclose a bunch of our litterature, some new, some older. Read throughout and you will find out that our grandiose task is the same as has been of our spiritual Leader, Adolf Hitler: fight against Jewish-Marxism in all its open and hidden forms, struggle for the preservation of the White race, including the German people, struggle for our priceless western Culture and civilisation.

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Be faithful to your Father's sacred heritage and march with us.

With National Socialist greetings:

SIEG HEIL!
John Pall
WUFENS International Secretary.

W. German Parliament Chairman Exposed as Nazi Agent

Recent research into the archives of the German Foreign Ministry during the nazi period has brought to light clear evidence that Dr Eugen Gerstenmaier, Chairman of the West German Parliament, was a paid agent of the nazis.

Dr Gerstenmaier, who is a prominent member of Dr Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, makes much play today with the fact that he was involved in various arguments with the nazi authorities, and was arrested after the anti-Hitler bomb plot of July 20th 1944. From his official biography in the Handbook of the West German Parliament it would appear that he had been a consistent anti-nazi: "First arrested in 1934 because of differences with the National Socialists; removed from teaching post in 1936, scientific work in the Foreign Department of the (Evangelical) Church; ... during the war, aid actions in the countries occupied by Germany."

The official documents discovered in the files of the nazi Foreign Ministry tell a different story. In September and October 1939, just after the outbreak of the Second World War, at a time when only trusted nazi agents were allowed to travel abroad, Dr Gerstenmaier paid an extended visit to Scandinavia. His report on the trip, filed in the Foreign Ministry archives under reference number Kult A 4360/39, signed in his own hand, stated in part:

"With the agreement and support of the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry the undersigned, together with Dr Schoenfeld ... visited the three Scandinavian countries from September 27th to October 20th 1939. The aim of the journey was:

1. To gather information on the present stand and opinion of the leading church and academic circles in Scandinavia.
2. To exercise suitable influence ... on peace efforts there.

"... Unless a minimum of German atmosphere can be created, the best propaganda pamphlets will be ineffectual. We must therefore use all ways and means of increasing cultural activity in the Nordic countries. It is very important to use scientists, since they are still widely regarded as 'objective'. German Protestantism will once again have the task ... of fighting against the cultural resentment which works greatly to the disadvantage of Germany".

After making various proposals as to how the German Evangelical Church could best be used to win friends for nazi Germany, Dr Gerstenmaier requested the Foreign Ministry to take steps to see to it that Professor Siegmund Schultze, a German theologian living in Switzerland, was not allowed to visit Scandinavia. His visit would "undoubtedly disturb the efforts of circles friendly to Germany", Dr Gerstenmaier stated. The nazi Foreign Ministry accordingly instructed its consulates abroad to deny travel facilities to Professor Schultze.

In assessing the importance of the report quoted above, it must be recalled that it was written after Hitler had launched the Second World War, when even a naive churchman must have seen that Germany had embarked on a course of unprovoked aggression. When Gerstenmaier speaks of "collecting information" he means information useful to the nazi war machine; when he speaks of "creating a German atmosphere" he means creating a pro-nazi atmosphere.

The archives of the nazi Foreign Ministry reveal that one year later Dr Gerstenmaier was stumping the Balkans organising an anti-Communist campaign in preparation for Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union. A letter from the German Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria, to the Foreign Ministry in Berlin dated February 26th 1941 (file No. A 567/41) reported favourably on Gerstenmaier's efforts to get the Bulgarian Orthodox Church to launch a big propaganda campaign against Communism. The letter referred to Dr Gerstenmaier as "scientific assistant to the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry who, however, introduces himself solely as an official of the Foreign Department of the Church in Berlin ..."

In September 1941, after Hitler's armies had occupied most of the Balkans, Dr Gerstenmaier made another trip there, and submitted a report dated September 24th 1941, filed in the nazi Foreign Ministry under No. 2071. The report stated in part:

"From September 2nd to 22nd 1941, I was commissioned by the Cultural Department of the Foreign Ministry to visit Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece and Roumania, to establish contact with the Orthodox Church ...

"In Bulgaria I made it clear to the two archbishops that German support in the question of the Patriarchate would depend upon the degree of activity displayed by the Bulgarian Church in anti-Bolshevist propaganda. Both archbishops promised to do what they could ..."

This report throws new light on the harmless sentence in Dr Gerstenmaier's biographical note in the Handbook of the West German Parliament: "during the war, aid actions in the countries occupied by Germany." Anyone not in possession of the facts reading this sentence will assume that it means he took part in charitable church work: in fact his "aid actions" consisted in aiding nazi propaganda.

One point remains to be dealt with: Dr Gerstenmaier's participation in the anti-Hitler plot of July 20th 1944. The persons who played a leading part in this plot were a mixture of sincere anti-fascists, reactionary generals who wanted to save something from the lost war, and careerists who saw they had backed the wrong horse by supporting Hitler, and wanted to make a last-minute attempt to provide themselves with an anti-nazi alibi. Whatever the motives of the plotters, they were almost all executed, either on the spot, or after farcical trials by the nazi "People's Court".

Only two prominent plotters escaped with their lives: General Adolf Heusinger, Hitler's Chief of Operations, and today Inspector General of the West German Bundeswehr, and Dr Gerstenmaier, today Chairman of the West German Parliament. There is strong circumstantial evidence that Heusinger bought his life by betraying other conspirators; no evidence has yet been discovered that Dr Gerstenmaier took a similar step, but of all the plotters who were arrested on the evening of July 20th at the Bendler Strasse, the headquarters of the conspiracy in Berlin, Gerstenmaier is the only one who was not executed.

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Gerstenmaier is today not only Chairman of the West German Parliament, but also President of the West German semi-official "Africa Society", the aim of which is the spreading of West German influence in Africa. In this capacity he does a job for the West German neo-colonialists rather similar to that which he did for the nazis during the Second World War. Under a mantle

of Christian phrases he seeks to make the young nations of Africa dependent upon West German imperialism. In an article in the West German weekly "Christ und Welt" at the end of October 1960 he urged that the young states of West Africa should be integrated in the "European Economic Community", which is dominated by West Germany, and expressed the typical colonialist opinion "the past epoch was an epoch of great colonial achievement — that means cultural achievement."

It is significant that when Gerstenmaier visited Africa in 1955 he was most favourably impressed by the Belgian colonial system in the Congo. Writing on August 10th 1955 in the official Bulletin of the West German Government, he stated: "I was unusually strongly impressed by the planned energy of the Union Minière, the great mining company in the Congo". He went on to praise the progressive nature of Belgian colonial policy in both its economic and social programme.

BONN'S MILITARY JUDGES HAVE BLACK RECORDS

The men who run the judicial section of the West German armed forces all occupied leading positions in the legal section of Hitler's Wehrmacht.

Here are some details of the past careers of the judges and legal experts who today dominate this aspect of the West German armed forces:

Dr Eberhard Barth, President of the Armed Forces Senate in Munich (Chief Judge of the Bundeswehr), and publisher of the official legal magazine "Neue Zeitschrift fuer Wehrrecht" (New Magazine for Military Law). During the nazi period he worked on the staff of the nazi magazine "Zeitschrift fuer Wehrrecht" (Magazine for Military Law). In an article on page 340 of the 1936/37 issue of this magazine he stated: "The nature of our Wehrmacht demands a new legal basis, now that the Wehrmacht has emerged from its years in the shadows, thanks to the courageous deeds of the Fuehrer (Hitler, ed.), and has become the main bastion of our people and our state. The legal processes of the Wehrmacht can no longer be governed by rules which do not accord with the spirit and nature of our Wehrmacht."

Dr Elmar Brandstetter, Chief Prosecutor of the Bundeswehr. From 1942—44 Brandstetter was Senior Military Court Judge in the nazi Army High Command, and from 1944 until the end of the war Senior Field Judge in Vienna. He was an active member of the Nazi Party and the Storm Troops, and entries in his personal file state that "he stands full-square on the basis of the National Socialist state". In an article in the nazi "Zeitschrift fuer Wehrrecht" (p. 413, 1937/38) he stated: "Military law applies to all members of the community, wherever they may be. The people are today a community in arms, and exceptions can no longer be permitted."

Dr Georg Eigenwillig, Ministerial Counsellor in the Legal Department of the West German Defence Ministry. Eigenwillig joined the SS on May 5th 1933, and worked during the war as Senior Military Judge in the disciplinary court of the nazi Army High Command.

Dr Fritz Hodes, Senior Provincial Court Judge in Frankfurt (Main), and author of the "Disciplinary Ordinance" of the West German Bundeswehr. During the war he served as Military Judge of the 83rd Infantry Division, and passed sentence of death on a German soldier, a Social Democrat, who wrote a letter home criticising nazi war crimes. In the nazi "Zeitschrift fuer Wehrrecht" (p. 491, 1940/41) he wrote an article stating that it was quite legal for anti-nazi partisans to be shot without trial. The article stated: "This ruling naturally applies also to the Frenchmen fighting under General de Gaulle."

Martin Rittau, publisher and legal commentator of the West German Manual of Military Law. During the nazi period Rittau was the co-author of the nazi Manual of Military Law. He served during the war as Senior Military Judge on the staff of Field Marshal Walter von Reichenau.

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The details given above are based upon a collection of documents published by the Committee for German Unity in Berlin. This documentation names a further 32 former nazi military judges today occupying responsible positions in the West German legal system. The original nazi files upon which this summary is based are available for inspection at the Berlin offices of the Committee for German Unity.

HEUSINGER PILLORIED

The "New York Times" published the following reader's letter on November 14th:

The proposed appointment, reported in The Times of Oct. 28, of Lieut. Gen. Adolf Heusinger to a key NATO position is disturbing.

NATO has been presented to the world as a military defence organization. The personal prestige of President Eisenhower, who led our forces to victory against the Nazis in World War II, has contributed to this image. No matter how much the Russians might object, they could not successfully destroy the good faith associated with NATO.

General Heusinger's appointment is likely to do just that. During the Second World War he was in almost daily association with Hitler as Chief of the Operations Department of the Wehrmacht Supreme Command. Whatever his virtues as a military strategist, he must emerge as an enormous political liability to the West.

As a recent European visitor who consistently defended American policies abroad, as all Americans are called upon to do in personal conversations, I feel embarrassed even at the possibility of this appointment. I seriously question that we must continue to have such people representing the defense of Western "freedom and democracy" on the world scene.

Even the "experience" of this General is not very impressive. The Times reports "that he was delivering his daily lecture on Eastern Front operations at Hitler's headquarters on July 20, 1944, when a bomb placed by army officers plotting against Hitler exploded." His last encounter with the Russians did not turn out so well for his side. Why put him on ours?

Furthermore, if we ever wish to reach any kind of agreement with Russia to settle the German situation, we will have raised tension to a virtually unalterable height by this move. The Russians are difficult enough to deal with, even when our position is impeccable. Presented with what will certainly be taken by them as everlasting proof of our bad faith — and they will be joined in their feeling by many uncommitted people — negotiations over Germany will become an impossibility.

The United States' position has not yet been announced. I hope the United States Government will veto the nomination of this former Nazi.

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WEST BERLIN - THE FACTS

By Otto Winzer, GDR State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

The abnormal situation in West Berlin has come about as a result of a whole chain of actions contrary to international law committed by the Western Powers and the Bonn Government. West Berlin belonged in 1945 to the Soviet Zone of Occupation. This accorded with the geographic situation and the communications between this part of the city and its hinterland. At no period was West Berlin an independent occupation zone and it never belonged to one of the three western occupation zones.

The Soviet Commander in Chief in the Soviet Occupation Zone had supreme command over the entire area including the whole of Berlin. In implementation of the Potsdam Agreement, which foresaw that Germany should be treated as a whole, the Allied Control Commission established its seat in Berlin. To make its work more easy the allied Kommandantura was established for Berlin, and the individual Commandants participated in the administration of the city, without prejudice to Soviet supreme control.

The basis for the Four Power Statute was destroyed when the Western Powers broke the Potsdam decisions, in particular by partitioning Germany and Berlin. The Three Power Occupation Statute imposed by the Western Powers on West Berlin makes it quite impossible to appeal to the continued existence of Four Power Status. It is impossible to tear treaties into shreds and then keep some shreds to be referred to at a later date.

With the formation of the German Democratic Republic the entire territory of the former Soviet Occupation Zone, including Berlin, passed into its sphere of sovereignty. The German Democratic Republic, in accordance with its agreements with the Soviet Union which are valid in international law, has unrestricted sovereignty over its state territory.

This is not altered by the fact that owing to the occupation regime of the Western Powers in West Berlin the Western Sectors of the city are outside the exercise of sovereignty by the German Democratic Republic. This has produced the abnormal condition that militarist and revanchist activity fostered and controlled by Bonn takes place in the centre of the first German peace state.

The German Democratic Republic would be entitled to call for the whole of Berlin to be placed under its sovereignty. However, in the interests of lessening international tension, the German Democratic Republic does not make such a demand. It is ready for a compromise in the form of the establishment of a West Berlin Free City. A readiness for understanding should not be confused with weakness, however. In Bonn and West Berlin there are policitians who think that they need limit themselves in no way in misusing West Berlin as a front line city of cold war. For years West Berlin has been a centre of espionage and sabotage directed against the German Democratic Republic and other socialist states in Europe. More than 60 secret services, espionage organisations and sabotage organisations maintain in West Berlin their offices, contact points, man traps, forgery centres, arsenals, and stores of chemicals, incendiary bombs and other tools for sabotage. Many of their agents with their equipment have been apprehended in the German Democratic Republic and on the frontiers of the neighbouring socialist states.

This has been the situation in West Berlin for years. In the past year, however, Bonn made increasing use of West Berlin for open and undisguised provocations against the German Democratic Republic and the socialist states of Europe. This has taken the form of sessions of organs of the West German Government, demonstrative visits by representatives of the Federal Government, and particularly of meetings, rallies and demonstrations of associations and "Landsmannschaften" the programme of which calls for the unlimited restoration of militarism and a policy of revenge against the German Democratic Republic and its neighbours.

All this is intended to produce new tension and to whip up the cold war to such a degree that it could turn at any moment into a shooting war. The territory of the German Democratic Republic was also misused for this cold war policy of provocation, since the militarists and revanchists were transported to West Berlin either through or over its sovereign territory.

The Government of the German Democratic Republic therefore took defensive measures which prevented fascists, militarists and revanchists from passing through our sovereign territory during the big cold war rallies in West Berlin. This development also made necessary measures which allow us to control the entry of West German citizens into Democratic Berlin, the capital of the German Democratic Republic.

A particular problem was presented by the fact that West Berlin lies on the territory of the Democratic German Republic and that it may not be governed by the Bonn Government; this has been repeatedly laid down even in the official documents and declarations of the Western Powers, most recently at the Geneva Conference of Foreign Ministers last year. Completely ignoring this legal situation, however, the Bonn Ministry of the Interior issued passports of the Federal Republic to West Berliners. In accordance with the legal situation the German Democratic Republic and other socialist countries have declared that they can no longer recognize these passports as travel documents for West Berlin citizens. Our Republic recognizes for the inhabitants of West Berlin only those identity papers issued by the West Berlin authorities.

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These measures, which were taken in the interests of peace and in full accordance with the principles of the Potsdam Agreement, were utilized by the Bonn Government and the cold war experts in West Berlin in order to launch a campaign of slander against the German Democratic Republic. They talked of "travel restrictions" in connection with quite simple measures of supervision imposed by every state upon those who enter and leave state territory. The Bonn Government and the West Berlin Administration used slander and twisted the facts in order to heat up the cold war against the German Democratic Republic and to increase tension in the world. This is the real reason for the big campaign calling for "solidarity" with West Berlin. Lies can always best be answered with the truth and distortions with the facts.

First undeniable fact

There are no restrictions on passenger traffic between West Berlin and West Germany. Even West Berlin figures show that it has risen. Only during the militarist and revanchist rallies in West Berlin was the right of transit refused to a few hundred proven fascists, militarists and revanchists.

Second undeniable fact

On September 9th we introduced a control on the entry of West Germans into the capital of the German Democratic Republic. From this date until October 31st, that is to say over one and a half months, 109,221 West German citizens were given permits to visit Democratic Berlin. In the same period just 50 persons were refused a permit; in these cases it was proven or there was justified suspicion that they wished to visit Democratic Berlin for hostile purposes or for provocative reasons.

These figures show clearly that West German citizens have not been prevented from visiting the capital of the German Democratic Republic by the Bonn propaganda campaign and that they understood the control measures. These figures prove that the Bonn Government and the West Berlin Administration has been guilty of lying and slander.

Third undeniable fact

There is no limitation on passenger traffic between West Berlin and Democratic Berlin, that is to say inside the capital of the GDR which has been partitioned by the western occupation regime.

Fourth undeniable fact

Between September 15th and October 31st a total of 11,091 West Berlin citizens were given a permit to travel from West Berlin to the counties of the German Democratic Republic.

Fifth undeniable fact

In the period from September 15th to October 31st a total of 1107 West Berlin citizens were granted transit visas for journeys in the states neighbouring on the German Democratic Republic on the basis of their identity cards. This shows that West Berlin citizens too have not been prevented from using their legitimate identity documents for foreign travel, despite the illegal directives given by the Bonn Government and the West Berlin Administration in connection with the passport situation.

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These facts and figures show clearly that the measures taken by the German Democratic Republic against the misuse of West Berlin for the aggressive Bonn policy of militarism and revanchism have in no way been directed against the contacts of the West Berlin population with the surrounding world. The German Democratic Republic has warned long enough that the provocative acts in West Berlin and the attempts to extend these provocations to Democratic Berlin would lead to counter measures. The German Democratic Republic has been very circumspect and has confined the protective measures to the minimum possible.

The question as to whether further measures will become necessary depends not so much upon the German Democratic Republic as upon the Western Powers who exercise the occupation regime in West Berlin; it will depend on whether they are clear-sighted enough to prevent further provocations and a further sharpening of the cold war from West Berlin.

As far as the Bonn Government is concerned it obviously aims at a further sharpening of the situation, thereby disregarding the interests of the West Berlin population. This is shown by the aggressive measures taken by the Bonn Government as a reply to the circumspect policy of the German Democratic Republic, which aims at the maintenance of peace. These measures include the cancellation of the inner-German Trade Agreement and crude intervention in the foreign travel of citizens of the German Democratic Republic.

Other acts have included the many arrests of citizens of the German Democratic Republic who visited West Germany. In these cases peaceful people wishing only to bring about an understanding between the two German states, have been treated like criminals. In this connection it is perhaps right to quote some figures which are certainly little known abroad. In the nine months from January 1st to September 30th 563,703 citizens of the German Democratic Republic made trips to the West Zonal State. In the same period 1,023,759 citizens of the West Zonal State visited the German Democratic Republic. Percentually a considerably higher proportion of travellers from the German Democratic Republic visited West Germany than came from West Germany into the German Democratic Republic.

The Adenauer Government openly intervenes in the internal affairs of the NATO states and even brings pressure to bear upon them in order to make them give their support to the Bonn policy of increased cold war. The West German Government demands an embargo against all the socialist states and the complete stoppage of traffic with the German Democratic Republic.

In this the Bonn Government has a double aim. On the one hand it wishes to make it as difficult as possible for the German Democratic Republic to fulfill its economic plan, though it knows it cannot prevent its fulfillment. On the other hand it wishes to increase international tension.

The Bonn Government wishes to prevent any understanding on a peaceful solution of the West Berlin problem. In the interests of international relaxation of tension we must recommend the Western Powers and all NATO states not to allow themselves to be dragged from one provocation to another by the Bonn militarists. This is unworthy of them, damages their peoples, and damages also the population of West Berlin.

(From a speech delivered to an International Student Forum in Berlin on November 8th)

Dr. Schweitzer Honoured

An honourary doctorate for Dr Albert Schweitzer was one of the highlights of the many celebrations marking the founding of the Humboldt University in Berlin in 1810 and its medical department, the so-called "Charité", in 1710.

Other awards by the Humboldt University included honourary doctorates for Mr D. N. Pritt, Q. C. by the Law Faculty, Dr Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, by the Philosophical Faculty, and Dr C. F. Powell of Bristol by the Faculty of Mathematics and Science as well as another honourary medical doctorate for Sir Hans Adolf Krebs of Oxford University.

BERLIN NOTEBOOK

By John Peet

In an obituary notice on November 7th, the influential West German newspaper "Die Welt" had this to say about a prominent German who had just died:

"As a man he was faultless: he was a devout Evangelical Christian".

It would be hard to guess that the newspaper was referring to a man who only 14 years before had been sentenced to life imprisonment for his war crimes.

The "devout Christian" was Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander in Chief of the nazi navy. On November 1st 1946 the British, French, Soviet and American judges of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg ruled that Raeder had conspired to wage aggressive war; committed crimes against peace; and committed war crimes. The judgement on Raeder stated in part:

"In the 15 years he commanded it, Raeder built up and directed the German Navy. He admits that the Navy violated the Versailles Treaty, insisting it was a matter of honour for every man to do so ... The conception of the invasion of Norway first arose in Raeder s mind and not Hitler s ... It is clear from the evidence that Raeder participated in the planning and waging of aggressive wars ... The most serious charge against Raeder is that he carried out unrestricted naval warfare, including warfare on neutrals ... Raeder admits that he passed the order to shoot Allied POWs down through his chain of command, and did not object to Hitler about it".

But of course, as a man he was faultless (see above).

Prominent Mourners

Even more significant than the eulogy to this war criminal in a leading West German newspaper is the fact that when he was carried to his grave in Kiel on November 11th, the mourners included Herr Helmut Lemke, Minister of the Interior of Schleswig-Holstein as official representative of the Provincial Government, and Admiral Friedrich Ruge, Commander-in-Chief of the new West German navy.

Admiral Ruge, who served under Raeder in the nazi navy, held a memorial speech at the graveside, praising the war criminal as a "great man and model officer, who kept the honour of the German Navy unsullied".

But of course, as West German propagandists never tire of stating, the German Federal Republic and its armed forces are very, very democratic, and have nothing at all in common with those nasty vulgar nazis.

"Faultless Woman"?

I wonder who will hold the graveside memorial speech for that "faultless woman", Dr Herta Oberheuser, when she finally kicks the bucket. Dr Oberheuser was a war criminal too: she was sentenced to 20 years in 1947 by an allied military court for torturing and murdering hundreds of women in Ravensbrueck Concentration Camp. She only served five years, was then released and got a lump sum payment from the West German authorities as restitution for her imprisonment, and an official letter from the West German Ministry of Labour recommending her preferential employment.

Since then she has been treating patients again in a flourishing private practice in Stocksee, Schleswig-Holstein.

In 1958, this extraordinary scandal had been brought to the attention of the British Medical Association, which unanimously passed a resolution on July 11th of that year condemning the West German authorities "for this cynical affront to the honour, morals and high ideals of the true practice of medicine."

This protest from the august British body finally stirred the West German authorities into a semblance of action. Herr Helmut Lemke, Minister of the Interior of Schleswig-Holstein, issued a ministerial order banning Dr Oberheuser from practising medicine because of her criminal record. Herr Lemke was obviously being pushed from some superior quarter, for this was the same gentleman who attended the funeral of war criminal Raeder as one of the chief mourners. The quarters which did the pushing were obviously to be found in the Bonn Government, which in a number of cases recently has shown itself sensitive to foreign protests about the employment of former nazis — if these former nazis only occupied relatively minor positions.

But Dr Oberheuser did not accept the decision quietly. She appealed to the courts, in the happy certainty that the West German courts, packed as they are with nazi judges, would do their best for her. So far, her appeal has dragged on for two years, without coming up for a hearing: and in the meantime this so-called doctor, who took a positive pleasure in conducting obscene medical experiments on her "guinea-pig" patients in Ravensbrueck Concentration Camp, can continue to practice medicine.

She intends to take her case right up to the supreme court, and the West German newsmagazine "Spiegel", commenting on the case in its issue of November 9th, predicted that she would be able to keep her appeals going at least until she reaches retiring age. It would look as though another and stronger protest from the British Medical Council were called for.

Prittie Pranged

For years GERMAN REPORT has been citing chapter and verse to show that Mr Terence Prittie, Bonn correspondent of the "Guardian" of Manchester, is, to say the very least, an unreliable reporter.

We are gratified to note that the "Guardian' has finally been forced to admit in its own columns that Mr Prittie is a liar. Regular readers will recall that in the Notebook on October 28th this year we exposed his latest effort, an article entitled "Undercover Men Working Overtime in East Berlin". One of the items in this excessively unreliable article stated:

"There is another 'special section' ... which deals with West Berlin — sending out threatening letters and telephone calls, using forgery and blackmail, recruiting ex-convicts, prostitutes and homosexuals. It is headed by Gerhard Danelius."

Mr Danelius apparently threatened to take legal action with regard to this libel, and on November 11th the "Guardian" had to print the following retraction:

"In our issue of October 4th it was reported that Herr Gerhard Danelius is head of the 'special section' of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party in East Berlin, which deals with West Berlin. This was incorrect. Herr Danelius is not head of that section and never has been. He is Secretary of the West Berlin branch of the Socialist Unity Party. We very much regret our error and apologise to Herr Danelius for it."

It is probably too much to hope that Mr Prittie will check his facts a little more carefully in future.

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